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REMARKS

In a telephone interview with Examiner Manoharan on October 8, 2003, the Examiner indicated that the Amendment After Final of July 31, 2003 would not be entered, but that independent claims 6 and 10 were considered allowable. The applicants are hereby cancelling all of the remaining claims, except dependent claims 7 and 9.

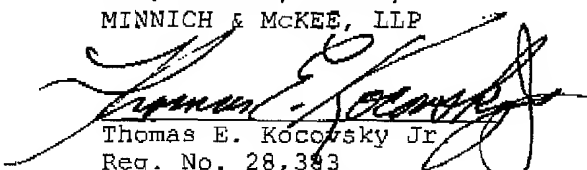
Because this amendment places the application in condition for allowance without requiring further search or consideration, it is submitted that the amendment should be entered.

Because the claims 6 and 10 were indicated as being allowable, it is submitted that this amendment places the application in condition for allowance.

Entry of this amendment and an early allowance of all claims is requested.

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